

Remarks/Arguments

The specification is amended at paragraphs [0013] and [0014] to overcome the objections.

Claim 18 is amended to overcome the antecedent basis problem.

Claims 1 - 11 are allowed.

Claims 13 and 18, indicated to have allowable subject matter, are now written in independent form, and therefore these claims and corresponding dependent claims 14 - 17 and 19 - 20, respectively, are believed to be in order for allowance.

Claim 12 is amended to more clearly define over the Fachini reference which shows a fixed floor with one auger screw above the floor. Claim 12 includes a rotatable member at least in part defining an accumulator floor. The rotating member in Fachini is located above the sloped floor, does not help define the floor and rotates about axis generally parallel to the discharge direction. Fachini does not appear to include a discharge member as set forth in the claim. Therefore, claim 12 is believed to be allowable.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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